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SUBJECT: BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TANZANIA

1. SUMMARY. MUGABE'S REACTION TO OWEN'S PROPOSAL DESCRIBED BY BRITISH AS SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE BUT WITH INCLINATION "TO NIBBLE". NYERERE'S RESPONSE WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE WITH KEEN INTEREST IN JUST WHAT US WOULD BE ABLE TO DO AND CONTINUING CONCERN OVER HOW TO HANDLE SMITH. I EXPECT SEE NYERERE FOR FOLLOW-UP APRIL 12 OR 13 AND WILL SUBSEQUENTLY PURSUE MATTER WITH MUGABE. END SUMMARY.

2. JOHNNY GRAHAM OF DR. OWEN'S PARTY GAVE ME READOUT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES GROUP LATE EVENING APRIL 11. HE SAID FOREIGN SECRETARY WISHED SECRETARY VANCE KNOW HE WAS SORRY THAT IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE REPORT DIRECTLY FROM LONDON ON NKOMO CONVERSATION BECAUSE PARTY WENT DIRECTLY TO AIRPLANE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY LONDON HAD BEEN BRIEFED.

3. ACCORDING GRAMHAM, MEETING WITH MUGABE HERE TODAY HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT. MUGABE, LIKE NKOMO, HAD EXPRESSED GREAT BITTERNESS OVER GENEVA AND COMPLAINED ABOUT CONSTANT RAISING AND  
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DASHING OF NATIONALISTS' HOPES. HE INDICATED THAT HE TRUSTED NEITHER SMITH NOR BRITISH, AND PUT CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON CLAIM THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS ONLY REAL REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONALIST CAUSE. HE WAS NEGATIVE ON US INVOLVEMENT, SAYING QUARREL WAS BETWEEN NATIONISTS AND UK AND BRINGING IN US WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE MATTER. WHATEVER ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH UK, RHODESIA WAS CERTAINLY NOT A US COLONY. MUGABE ALSO ASKED IF

USSR WAS BEING ASKED TO JOIN IN NEW EFFORT AT SOLUTION. BRITISH RESPONDED AS COULD BE EXPECTED, EMPHASIZING US POWER, NEED TO HAVE ALL POSSIBLE HELP, AND ASKING WHAT NATIONALISTS HAD TO LOSE. BECAUSE OF HIS CONTINUED QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFICS AND AVOIDANCE OF OUTRIGHT REJECTION OF IDEA, BRITISH BELIEVE MUGABE IS AT LEAST "NIBBLING".

4. NYERERE'S REACTION, IN CONTRAST, WAS DISTINCTLY POSITIVE. HE "QUITE AGREED THAT THIS WAS RIGHT APPROACH." HE ACCEPTED REALITY OF US POWER AS EXEMPLIFIED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ACTIVITIES. HE WAS NOT YET PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND PRESIDENT CARTER BUT BELIEVED THEY INTENDED CONTINUE STRONG CONSTRUCTIVE US ROLE. HE WAS VERY INTERESTED JUST WHAT US INTENDED DO. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HONESTY OF SMITH. HE DID NOT REJECT OUTRIGHT OWEN'S ARGUMENTS FOR NECESSITY INCLUSION SMITH BUT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ENDORSE THEM EITHER. HE ASSUMED THAT RECONVENED CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE NUMEROUS RHODESIAN ELEMENTS IN ADDITION TO PATRIOTIC FRONT, MENTIONING WHITES OTHER THAN SMITH'S GROUP AND SITHOLE SPECIFICALLY. LIKE NKOMO AND MUGABE HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW ANY CONSTITUTION THAT MIGHT BE AGREED TO COULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

5. COMMENT: I EXPECT GET MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF TALKS FROM UK HIGH COMMISSIONER HER TOMORROW AFTER OWEN PARTY'S DEPARTURE, BUT ON BASIS ABOVE INTEND GO AHEAD AND SEE, FIRST NYERERE, WITH WHOM I ALREADY HAVE A MEETING PLANNED FOR APRIL 12 OR 13, AND THEN, AFTER SEEKING HIS VIEWS ON MUGABE'S CURRENT POSITION, TO SEEK MEETING WITH MUGABE. ANYTHING DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER AS TO JUST WHAT US MIGHT BE ABLE DO HELP IMPLEMENT CONSTITUTION IF  
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AGREEMENT ON IT (WITH OR WITHOUT SMITH) IS REACHED, WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN DISCUSSION WITH NYERERE AND PERHAPS ALSO IN HELPING ENCOURAGE HIM TO DEAL WITH MUGABE'S DOUBTS ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF US ROLE IN WHOLE AFFAIR.  
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